

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_450_22

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request an extract of the hospital medicines usage data held by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, detailing the volume of drugs dispensed by hospital pharmacies and homecare, at an individual product level. Please note that this request is for aggregated medicines usage data, and explicitly does not require any patient-level or patient-identifiable data.

Please could you provide a report containing data against the following fields, in .csv format, for each month, covering the most recent available data month and all previous months if possible back to January 2019 (in line with the data published by NHS BSA on behalf of NHS England). Please include records for all dispensed products. England reports products at SNOMED VPID level, however a lower level of drug code is preferred if available in the following order of preference: APPID, APID, VPPID, VPID.

Fields requested:

Dispensing Date (YearMonth)

Health Board identifier

Hospital site identifier (if available)

Drug code

Drug name

Volume dispensed

Volume Unit of measurement

Indicative cost (if available)

Our response:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 of the Act.

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to provide you with this data would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.